

CLAIMS

Claim 1- 4 Cancelled.

Claim 5 (Currently amended). The tool box of ~~claim 1~~ claim 21 wherein said left pivot assembly and said right pivot assembly are each separate pins with attachment means.

Claim 6 (Currently amended). The tool box of ~~claim 1~~ claim 21 wherein said left pivot assembly and said right pivot assembly are each separate bolts with attachments means.

Claim 7 (Currently amended). The tool box of ~~claim 1~~ claim 21 wherein said left side and said right side of said base member each have a tapered front edge that taper inwardly with increasing height from its bottom.

Claim 8 (Currently amended). The tool box of ~~claim 1~~ claim 21 wherein said left side and said right side of said top components are generally inverted “L” shaped.

Claim 9 (Currently amended). The tool box of ~~claim 1~~ claim 21 wherein said base component includes a front lip at its bottom for nesting with said front of said top component.

Claims 10 (Currently amended). The tool box of ~~claim 1~~ claim 21 wherein said back of said top component is less than 20% in height of a predetermined height of said back of said component.

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Claim 15 (Currently amended). The tool box of ~~claim 1~~ claim 22 wherein said left pivot assembly and said right pivot assembly are each separate shafts with attachment means.

Claim 16 (Currently amended). The tool box of ~~claim 11~~ claim 22 wherein said left pivot assembly and said right pivot assembly are each separate bolts with attachments means.

Claim 17 (Currently amended). The tool box of ~~claim 11~~ claim 22 wherein said left said and said right side of said base member each have a tapered front edge that taper inwardly with increasing height from its bottom.

Claim 18 (Currently amended). The tool box of ~~claim 11~~ claim 22 wherein said left side and said right side of said top component are generally inverted “L” shaped.

Claim 19 (Currently amended). The tool box of ~~claim 11~~ claim 22 wherein said base components includes a front lip as its bottom for nesting with said front and said top component.

Claim 20 (Currently amended). The tool box of ~~claim 11~~ claim 22 wherein said back of said top component is less than 20% in height of a predetermined height of said back of said base component.

Claim 21 (New). A tool box for mounting on a truck bed, which comprises:

(a) a base component, said base component having a bottom, a left side, a right side, and a back, and having an open front and an open top, said base component further including a first inside pivot assembly area on said left side and a second inside pivot assembly area on said right side;

(b) a top component, said top component having a top, a back extending downwardly from said top, a front extending downwardly from said top, a left side and a right side, each being connected to said back and said front and extending downwardly from said top, said top component having a first outside pivot assembly area on said left side and a second outside pivot assembly area on said right side, said base component having a predetermined width and said top component having an overall width greater than said predetermined width of said base component wherein said top component nests on top of said base component and said left side

and right side of said top component are exterior to said left side and said right side of said base component, said top component and said base component having an open position with said top component positioned up relative to said base component, and having a closed position with said top component positioned down relative to said base component; and,

(c) a left pivot assembly and a right pivot assembly, said left pivot assembly being located at said first inside pivot assembly area and at said first outside pivot assembly area, and said right pivot assembly being located at said second inside pivot assembly area and at said second outside pivot assembly area, such that said top component left side and said base component left side are pivotally connected to one another, and said top component right side and said base component right side are pivotally connected to one another,

wherein said top component has a predetermined outer perimeter, and has a predetermined size and shape to pivot downwardly and to close onto said base component so as to create a first weather and wind seal at its perimeter and wherein said top component sides have weather-sealing inside flanges and said base component sides have weather-sealing outside flanges, said weather-sealing inside flanges and said weather-sealing outside flanges being corresponding and complementary so as to contact one another when said top component and said base component are closed, so as to create a secondary weather and wind seal.

Claim 22 (New). A tool box for a mounting on a truck bed, which comprises:

(a) a base component, said base component having a bottom, a left side, a right side, and a back, and having an open front and an open top, said base component further including a first inside pivot assembly area on said left side and a second inside pivot assembly area on said right side;

(b) a top component, said top component having a top, a back extending downwardly from said top, a front extending downwardly from said top, a left side, and a right side, each being connected to said back and said front and extending downwardly from said top, said top component having a first outside pivot assembly area on said left side and a second outside pivot assembly area on said right side, said base component having a predetermined width and said top component having an overall width greater than said predetermined width of said base

component wherein said top component nests on top of said base component and said left side and right side of said top component are exterior to said left side and said right side of said base component, said top component and said base component having an open position with said top component positioned up relative to said base component, and having a closed position with said top component position down relative to said base component;

(c) a left pivot assembly and a right pivot assembly, said left pivot assembly being located at said first inside pivot assembly area and at said first outside pivot assembly area, and said right pivot assembly being located at said second inside pivot assembly area and at said second outside pivot assembly area, such that said top component left side and said base component left side are pivotally connected to one another, and said top component right side and said base component right side are pivotally connected to one another; and,

(d) a latch assembly having two interlocking elements, one being located on said top component, and the other being complementarily located on said base component;

wherein said top component has a predetermined outer perimeter, and has a predetermined size and shape to pivot downwardly and to close onto said base component so as to create a first weather and wind seal at its outer perimeter and wherein said top component sides have weather-sealing inside flanges and said base component sides have weather-sealing outside flanges, said weather-sealing inside flanges and said weather-sealing outside flanges being corresponding and complementary so as to contact one another when said top component and said base component are closed, so as to create a secondary weather and wind seal.